



shaped and slightly smaller than the girdle of said gemstone so that said lower surface of said gemstone projects through said aperture;

said surface of said item of jewelry further comprising at least one additional aperture located adjacent said end of said gemstone;

said connecting member comprising a pin extending downwardly through said additional aperture;

said connecting member being pushed downwardly on said gemstone to hold said gemstone in place, said pin being cold soldered to said item of jewelry to secure said connecting member in place.

#### Remarks

Claims 1-32 are currently pending in the present reissue application. The basis for the presently submitted new claim 33 may be found in column 2, lines 49-53 of the original patent, wherein it is stated that the pin of the connecting member may be cold soldered directly to the jewelry item thereby eliminating the need for a sleeve. A prompt and favorable allowance of all of the claims is requested and believed fully warranted.

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